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Patentees: MEZZALIRA  
Application No.: 08/243,483, now Patent No.  
5,477,888, granted 12/26/95  
Filed: 05/13/94  
For: CHAIN MESH NETWORK HOSE

The above-identified application or patent has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with another application or patent. An interference has been declared. The interference is designated as No. 104,564.

Notice is hereby given the parties of the requirement of the law for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of any agreement "in connection with or in contemplation of the termination of the interference." 35 U.S.C. § 135(c).

  
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SALLY C. MEDLEY  
Administrative Patent Judge

The opinion in support of the decision being entered today is not binding precedent of the Board.

Paper 1

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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DOUGLAS B. WOOD,

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Junior Party,  
(Application 08/643,389),

APR 30 2001

v.

RINALDO MEZZALIRA,

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Senior Party,  
(Patent 5,477,888).

Patent Interference No. 104,564

NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE  
(37 CFR § 1.611)

**Part A. Declaration of interference**

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the above-identified parties.

Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue application (if any), count(s) and claims designated as corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in Parts E and F of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

**Part B. Judge designated to handle the interference**  
Administrative Patent Judge Sally C. Medley has been designated to handle the interference. 37 CFR § 1.610(a).

**Part C. Standing order**

A Trial Section STANDING ORDER accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

**Part D. Conference call to set dates**

A telephone conference call to set dates for taking action in the interference is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on June 25, 2001 (the call will be initiated from the PTO).

No later than **two business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile a list of the preliminary motions the party intends to file. See § 17 of the STANDING ORDER.

A copy of a "sample" order setting times for taking action during the preliminary motion phase of the interference accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

Counsel are encouraged to discuss the order prior to the conference call with the view to coming to some mutual agreement as to dates for taking action. A typical preliminary motion period lasts approximately nine (9) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

**Part E. The parties involved in this interference are:**

Junior Party

Named inventors: Douglas B. Wood, Lincoln, NE

Application: application 08/643,389,  
filed 6 May 1996

Title: Helically knit hose product

Assignee: none

Accorded Benefit: application 08/386,776,  
filed 10 February 1995

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page

Senior Party

Named Inventors: Rinaldo Mezzalira, Arcugnano, Italy

Patent: Patent 5,477,888,  
granted 26 December 1995,  
based on application 08/243,483,  
filed 13 May 1994

Title: Chain mesh network hose

Assignee: Fitt SpA

Accorded Benefit: none

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page

**Part F. Counts and claims of the parties**

Count 1

Claim 7 of 08/643,389

The claims of the parties are:

Wood: 3-7

Mezzalira: 1-3

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

Wood: 3-7

Mezzalira: 1 and 2

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1 are:

Wood: none

Mezzalira: 3

**Part G. Heading to be used on papers**

The following heading shall be used on papers filed in the interference. See § 18 of the STANDING ORDER.

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Paper       <sup>1</sup>

Filed on behalf of [name of party]  
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TITLE OF PAPER

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<sup>1</sup> Leave a blank line because the board assigns the paper number.

**Part H. Summary of dates for taking action**

Times for taking action are set out in the following sections of the STANDING ORDER:

1. § 7: date for identifying lead and backup counsel.
2. § 8: date for identifying any real party in interest.
3. § 9: date for requesting copies of involved and benefit applications and patents.
4. § 17: date for filing list of proposed preliminary motions.
5. § 19: date for accomplishing certain discovery.
6. § 20: date for filing clean copy of claims.
7. § 21: date for filing clean copy of claims in cases with drawings and/or claims containing a means plus function limitation.
8. § 23: dates for filing oppositions to Rule 635 miscellaneous motions and dates for filing replies to oppositions.
9. § 33: date for objecting to admissibility of evidence.
10. § 34: date for serving supplemental affidavits or evidence to respond to objection to admissibility of evidence.
11. § 35: dates when cross-examination can take place.
12. § 45: dates for taking action with respect to settlement discussions

**Part I. Order form for requesting file copies**

**FILE COPY REQUEST**

**Interference 104,564**

A copy of Part E of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE should be attached to this FILE COPY REQUEST, with a circle by hand around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is desired.

To facilitate processing of this FILE COPY REQUEST, the following information should be included:

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Telephone, including area code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part J. Signature of administrative patent judge**

  
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SALLY C. MEDLEY  
Administrative Patent Judge

Date: 4/30/01  
Arlington, VA

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Copy of STANDING ORDER

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in  
the preliminary motion phase of the interference (ORDERPM6)

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in  
the testimony and briefing phases of the interference  
(ORDERTE6)

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Copy U.S. Patent 5,477,888

Copy of claims of Wood application 08/643,389

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